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In re Application of: SANTA CRUZ et al

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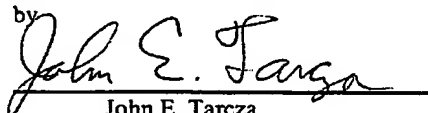
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February 6, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed October 6, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, please consider this amendment. A one-month extension of time is filed herewith making the due date for the response February 6, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.